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In re application of:)
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 For: HOSE CLAMPING DEVICE)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to calculating the fee for the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 2, insert the following section heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention--.

Page 1, line 5, insert the following section heading:

--2. The Relevant Technology--.

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Page 1, line 12, insert the following section heading

--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 4, line 3, insert the following section heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 5, line 1, prior to the paragraph starting with, "Referring initially to," insert the following section heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--.

At the end of the application insert the following abstract.

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A universal hose clamp includes a universal hose locating mechanism, a hose coupling for connecting a hose to the hose clamp, and securing structure for securing the locating mechanism to a support structure. The universal hose clamp may be employed to secure a hose to an existing support structure or to a portable independent frame. The universal hose clamp is designed to be adaptable for use with a range of hose diameters and as such the universal hose clamp can be employed in a wide range of emergency situations. When deployed the universal hose clamp enables rotating the hose coupling in any direction and thereafter the hose coupling can be locked in that position. Therefore, with the aid of the universal hose clamp only one operator is required to control a hose device in an emergency situation.--
